

[(15)], which is the region of the liquid-pervious surface layer which is intended to first be wetted by body fluid emitted to the article,

[characterized in that] wherein the liquid-pervious surface layer [(2)] within the wetting region [(15)] is constituted of hydrophilic absorbent material [(16)], at least at the surface of the liquid-pervious surface layer [(2)] which is intended to be facing the user during use, and that remaining parts of the liquid-pervious surface layer [(2)] are constituted of a hydrophobic material [(14)].

2. (Amended) Absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein [characterized in that] the article exhibits a hump [(317; 517)], projecting from the liquid-pervious surface layer [(302; 502)], wherein the location of the hump [(317; 517)] on the article at least partially coincides with the wetting region [(315; 515)].

3. (Twice amended) Absorbent article according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the hydrophilic material [(16)] in the liquid-pervious surface layer [(2)] primarily consists of hydrophilic, absorbent fibres [such as] including cellulose fibres, cotton, rayon, jute, or peat moss[, or the like].

4. (Twice amended) Absorbent article according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the hydrophilic material [(16)] in the liquid-pervious surface layer [(2)] primarily consists of hydrophilic, absorbent foam material, including [such as] polyurethane foam, or cellulose foam[, or the like].

5. (Twice amended) Absorbent article according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the hydrophobic material [(14)] in the liquid-pervious surface layer [(2)] primarily consists of hydrophobic fibres [such as] including polypropylene fibres, polyethylene fibres, polyester fibres, or hydrophobic bi-component fibres.

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6. (Twice amended) Absorbent article according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the hydrophobic material [(14)] in the liquid-pervious surface layer [(2)] primarily consists of a hydrophobic foam material[, such as] including polyethylene foam.

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7. (Twice amended) Absorbent article according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the liquid-pervious surface layer [(2)] comprises a laminate of a first liquid-pervious, hydrophobic material layer [(14)] arranged closest to the absorbent body [(4)], and a second liquid-pervious, hydrophilic material layer [(16)], of substantially the same extension as the wetting region [(15)] of the article, arranged outside the first material layer [(14)] and intended to bear on the body of the user in the wetting region [(15)] during use.

8. (Twice amended) Absorbent article according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the liquid-pervious surface layer [(302)] comprises a laminate of the first liquid-pervious, hydrophobic material layer [(314)], and a second liquid-pervious, hydrophilic material layer [(316)] arranged closest to the absorbent body [(304)], inside the first material layer [(314)], wherein the hydrophobic material layer [(314)] exhibits an

opening, of substantially the same extension as the wetting region [(315)] of the article,
through which the hydrophilic layer [(316)] is exposed.

9. (Twice amended) Absorbent article according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the hydrophilic material [(16)] in the liquid-pervious surface layer [(2)] is constituted of a hydrophobic material which has been rendered hydrophilic.

10. (Twice amended) Absorbent article according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the hydrophobic material [(14)] in the liquid-pervious surface layer [(2)] is constituted of a hydrophilic material which has been rendered hydrophobic.

13. (Twice amended) Absorbent article according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the article comprises a shaping member which, by means of influence from the forces which the article is subjected to during use, has the ability to bring the wetting region [(15)] into contact with the mucous membranes of the user.

14. (Amended) Absorbent article according to claim 13, [characterized in that] wherein the shaping member is comprising [constituted of] compressions[, or folding notches[, or the like].

15. (Amended) Absorbent article according to claim 13, [characterized in that] wherein the shaping member [is constituted of] comprising an insert.